(b) and (c) CSI will be introduced as a pilot project at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Mumbai after finalization of the terms and conditions of the programme.

Container Security Initiatives

1752. DR. K: MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the U.S. and many countries of the world have introduced Container Security Initiative in ports to avoid delay for exports besides facilitating fast movements of Containers, reducing bottlenecks, increasing space availability, etc.;

(b) what is the reaction of Government in introducing this modern facility;

(c) what is the present stage of action on this; and

(d) whether there is any joint venture in the offing?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) At present 50 seaports in the world are participating in the Container Security Initiative (CSI) programme. These ports account for approximately 82% of all containerised merchandise imported into US. CSI will be introduced as pilot project at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Mumbai after finalization of the terms and conditions of the programme.

CBI Raids at NHAI's official residences

1753. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI has conducted searches at the residential and official premises of the officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for alleged cheating, forgery and abuse of official position for sub-standard works between Panipat and Sonepat stretch of the National Highway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stringent steps taken by Government to curb such misuse and corruption?